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Group Art Unit 3763  
Examiner: Chris Loiren Rodriguez

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO EXAMINER REPORT  
of March 10, 2003  
Under Rule 1.121 and Proposed Revision of that Rule**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In view of the proposed revision of Rule 1.121 regarding amendment procedure, this Amendment is being submitted in accordance with the proposed new procedure, as understood.

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

The requirement for submitting the original Letters Patent is acknowledged. The original Letters Patent cannot be located and a Statement to that effect under Rule 1.178 is included at the end of this document.

Applicants had not submitted any proposed revision or correction to the drawings, and none is under consideration.

The Examiner has ruled that certain claims are withdrawn from prosecution at this time as being outside the immediate scope of this reissue proceeding. A number of claims have been rejected. Other claims have been objected to as being allowable if reformatted in independent form. The next section of this Amendment deals with amendments to the claims. Claims 1-61 are therefore listed sequentially, with an indication of the status of each.

The Examiner has required correction of an erroneous reference numeral in the Specification. A corresponding Amendment to the Specification is on a separate sheet of this document.

Concluding Remarks are set forth on another separate sheet.